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FOR VARIABLE RATE PIPES

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendment prior to examination of this patent application.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph [0001] beginning on page 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] This is a continuation of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Number 60/258,765, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Variable Rate Pipes" filed on December 30, 2000. The specification shares some text with patent application Serial No. 09/887,957, entitled "Method and Apparatus for a Hybrid Variable Rate Pipe," filed June 22, 2001; application Serial No. 09/887,303, entitled "Protection Mechanism for Optical Network," filed June 22, 2001; and application Serial No. 09/887,302, entitled "Method and Apparatus for a Non-BLSR Protected Layer 2/3 Channel," filed June 22, 2001.